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The MAILING DATE of this communication appe	ars on the cover sheet with the c	orrespondence add	ress			
THE REPLY FILED FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.						
PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]						
a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection. b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee						
have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).						
1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.						
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:						
(a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);						
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);						
(c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or						
(d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.NOTE:						
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following reject	ction(s): See Continuation Sheet	<u>t</u> .				
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would canceling the non-allowable claim(s).	be allowable if submitted in a s	eparate, timely file	d amendment			
5.⊠ The a)□ affidavit, b)□ exhibit, or c)⊠ request fo application in condition for allowance because: See		sidered but does NO	OT place the			
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered be raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.	cause it is not directed SOLELY	to issues which we	ere newly			
7. For purposes of Appeal, the <u>proposed amendment</u> explanation of how the new or <u>amended claims</u> w	t(s) a) will not be entered or to oild be rejected is provided bel) <mark>⊡ will be entered</mark> ow or appended.	and an			
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:						
Claim(s) allowed:						
Claim(s) objected to: 22 al 25 - 28						
Claim(s) rejected: 1-21,23 and 24						
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:						
8. \boxtimes The drawing correction filed on <u>23 December 2003</u> is a) \boxtimes approved or b) \square disapproved by the Examiner.						
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Stateme	ent(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s).	·				
10. Other:						

Continuation of 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): the rejection of claims 22-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,805,899 (EVANS et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,298,478 (NALLY et al.) [as stated in previous Advisory Action mailed 12/17/2003].

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant's arguments are not persuasive. Applicant's cited portion of the specification does not appear to provide any formal lexicon for "inter-compilation version conflicts" or "inter-compilation module calls" and therefore, does not provide a compelling reason why the Examiner's interpretation of these terms, as applied in the rejection of claims 1-21, 23, and 24, is precluded by Applicant's specification. [as stated in previous Advisory Action, mailed 12/17/2003].

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